

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 549

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jake Lockert on his distinguished service to the State of Tennessee as the District Public Defender for the 23rd Judicial District on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Jake Lockert is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, elected to his first term in 1998, Jake Lockert served with distinction as the District Public Defender for the 23rd Judicial District for twenty-four years before taking his much-deserved retirement in 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Mr. Lockert was born on April 28, 1958, in Nashville and grew up in Cheatham County, where he graduated from Cheatham County Central High School in 1976; and

WHEREAS, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1980 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Memphis School of Law in 1983; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the public defender's office, he worked in private practice for two years before being hired by Kenneth Atkins as an assistant district attorney for the 23rd Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by his peers, Mr. Lockert is a former president, vice president, and secretary treasurer of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference and rendered sterling service as a member of the Legislative Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockert was instrumental in the establishment of the 23rd Judicial District Drug Court Program; he is the CEO of the 23rd Judicial Advocates, Inc., and a charter member of 24 Church in Pleasant View; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Jake Lockert enjoys the love and support of his wife, Theresa Lutrell Lockert; their three children, Bradley, Adam, and Ashley; and their five grandchildren, Cadence, Kylie, Colton Aaron, Braddic, and Annison Lockert; and

WHEREAS, Jake Lockert exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jake Lockert demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Jake Lockert on his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the District Public Defender for the 23rd Judicial District and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.